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Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

1. The Spanish Section continues to plan the execution of the Mexican and Chilean Ambassadorial visits to USMA on October 18 and November 28 respectively. Both Ambassadors will visit with the Superintendent and give a lecture during the Dean's Hour.
2. The Model Arab League will participate in the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relation's annual Policymakers Conference in Washington, D.C. on October 23-24. During the conference, the eight participating Cadets will interact with senior U.S. and foreign leaders.
3. On October 29, 17 Cadets from Intermediate and Advanced Persian will visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Persian Program Director, Dr. Amir Irani-Tehrani, will take the Cadets on a guided tour of the pre-Islamic and Islamic art collections that pertain to Iran and ancient Persian civilization.

Top 3 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings FROM THE PREVIOUS 7 days.

1. Four West Point Cadets studying at the Theresian Military Academy in Austria visited the Information Training Exercise 2019 in Munster, Germany. This presentation of weapons, technology, and tactics demonstrated an array of capabilities for future leaders of the German Bundeswehr and international partners.

DEPARTMENT: Department of English and Philosophy

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Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

1. On 18 OCT, the Department of English and Philosophy will be hosting the Routledge Publishing's Editorial Director, Anna Clarkson. She will be giving a talk on academic publishing, to include the publishing process and tips about writing. This event will be held in Lincoln Hall 222 during Dean's Hour.
2. On 20 OCT, Dr. Patrick Query, Professor of English, will present a paper, "Democracy, Punishment, Banality: Anti-Fascism 1940-1963," at the Modernist Studies Association conference in Toronto. The paper examines the writing of T.S. Eliot, Rebecca West, and Hannah Arendt and argues that all three identify the inability of Western liberalism and

its institutions to counter conclusively the tendencies that gave rise to Nazism and its crimes against humanity.

3. On 22 OCT, the Department of English and Philosophy will be hosting the first Philosophy Forum of the Academic Year, a panel discussing “Protecting Cultural Heritage in War.” The panelists include Cultural Resources Manager and Army Archaeologist Laurie Rush, the Director of the Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace at Stockholm University, Professor Helen Frowe, and Philosopher Derek Matravers who specializes in the Philosophy of Art. This panel will be held in the Haig Room of the Jefferson Library at 1915.

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1. On 11 and 12 October, the Department of English and Philosophy hosted the 2019 Conference on the Ethics of War and Peace. This year, the theme was ‘How to End a War: Peace, Justice, and Repair.’ We hosted leading thinkers in the field from Europe and across the United States as well as several undergraduate students from service academies and civilian universities.

DEPARTMENT: G&EnE

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1. On 22 October, the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering will host a ‘Day in the Life of the Hudson River Estuary’ at South Dock near Gee’s Point. On this day, “Day in the Life” students, from first grade to college, partner with environmental education centers to collect scientific data using hands-on field techniques at more than 80 sites from New York City to Albany. This event hosted by G&EnE will be attended by cadets at USMA, the fourth-grade class at West Point Elementary and local Girl Scout Troops.
2. On Saturday, 02 November the Green Team Environmental Club (GTEC), cadet club, along with some faculty of G&EnE will go High-Adventure Zip-Lining at the New York Zipline Adventure Tour at Hunter Mountain. This trip section is a great way to experience the outdoors via the longest zipline canopy tour in North America, right here in our local Catskill Mountains.
3. On 09 November, LTC Ben Wallen (G&EnE) will escort five cadets to the NYC Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Scholarship Fund Dinner Dance at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York. At this event, five engineering cadets from five different engineering disciplines at USMA will receive named \$500 scholarships for their excellence in the classroom here at the academy.

4. On 18 October, Maj Jim Hughes (USAF) (G&EnE) will host 5 US Air Force Exchange cadets from West Point (CDT Patrick Gorman ('21), CDT Kaitlyn Benton ('21), CDT Louis Lee ('21), CDT Anna LoGrande ('21), and CDT Richard Peterson ('21)) to meet with the Chief of Staff of the Air Force as a leadership development opportunity.

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1. On 16 October, CPT Tim Flagg (G&EnE), LTC Ben Wallen (G&EnE) and LTC James Schreiner (SE) escorted seven cadets from the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Student Chapter to the NYC SAME Dinner meeting in the Harvard Club. This event provided outreach to key civic and military leaders in NYC SAME and provided the cadets an opportunity to discuss future military and civilian employment focused on the national security of America. The guest speaker spoke about New York City Development and Design including future projects to raise the cost line of Manhattan and other infrastructure improvements.
2. On 16 October, Megan Dill from the Association of Graduates (AOG) hosted a seminar with G&EnE to reinforce the lines of communications and orient new instructors to the AOG mission underscoring how the cadet experience can be improved and sustained through shared resources and opportunities.
3. This past weekend, 4 Army West Point Orienteers competed in The Stockville adventure race (a 2-day event spanning approximately 50 miles in the mountains of Central Pennsylvania). Cadets Riley Eck ('20), Sam Haseman ('21), Eli Parrott ('21), and James O'Brien ('21) defeated all 6 of Navy's competing teams and placed 1st in the collegiate division.

DEPARTMENT: History

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1. November 2nd: Irish History Staff Ride: History Faculty will take approximately 12 Cadets to study Irish history in New York City. The trip will include important sites like the Tenement Museum and Battery Park.
2. November 2nd: African History Staff Ride: History Faculty will take approximately 12 Cadets to study African history in New York City. The trip will include a visit to the African Burial Ground Memorial and a chance to learn about traditional African dance.
3. October 17-October 31: Summer AIAD Recruitment Window: Department faculty will begin advertising our two summer AIAD opportunities. One group of cadets will travel to central and

eastern Europe to study the Cold War and the other will travel to the Netherlands and Belgium to learn about Operation Market Garden.

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1. October 16th: HI 101/151 WWII Lecture: Professor Steve Waddell gave the Class of 2023 their second lecture in support of “Army of the Republic: Leading Citizen Soldiers.” The lecture gave an overview of American involvement in the Second World War so that cadets have a broader context when reading their course text “Draftee Division.”

2. October 12th: Bannerman’s Castle Staff Ride: Department faculty took 12 Cadets on a boat tour to Bannerman’s Castle where they learned about the history of the castle and island throughout the 19th and 20th centuries.

3. October 12th: Black History in the Hudson Valley Staff Ride: Department faculty took 6 Cadets on a trip to key locations of African American history in the Hudson River Valley. Stops included the AME Zion Church in Newburgh, stops on the Underground Railroad, and George Washington’s Former Headquarters.

DEPARTMENT: Law

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28-30 OCT: The Lieber Institute for Law and Land Warfare is hosting *LOAC 2040* to gather the most influential and prolific academics and operational leaders in the field of the Law of Armed Conflict to debate the future of the Law of Armed Conflict in 2040. Sessions will include Dada and Cyber, Sea and Neutrality, Interoperability and International Societies. Sir Adam Roberts will provide the Keynote Address.

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15-16 OCT: D/LAW hosted the Hon. Paul C. Ney, Jr. (OSD General Counsel), LTG Charles “Chuck” Pede (Army Judge Advocate General), Mr. Ryan Newman (OSD Deputy General Counsel), Prof. Tom Lee (OSD Special Counsel), Col. Jeffrey Palomino (Military Assistant to OSD General Counsel) and LTC Joshua Berry (OTJAG Strategic Effects Officer) to give the Fall 2019 MG(R) Michael Nardotti Lecture to all L&LS Majors. In addition to the lecture, Mr. Ney, LTG Pede, et. al. participated in various law classes, including lecturing COL Wallace’s Law of Armed Conflict classes on the “Future of LOAC” and spent the remainder of their day engaging with cadets. The overall visit was a *tour de force* for D/LAW.

DEPARTMENT: Mathematical Sciences

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1. On 17-18 Oct 2019, the Mathematical Science Center will host the 27th ARL-USMA Technical Symposium (AUTS) at West Point. The Symposium provides a forum for USMA cadets/faculty, ARL scientists/fellows, and other researchers to present and discuss various aspects of their work, particularly research done in collaboration.

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1. On 10 Oct 2019, the Center for Faculty Development hosted Dr. Laura Freeman, an Associate Director at Intelligent Systems Lab and Associate Professor of Research in the Department of Statistics at Virginia Tech, as she presented her discussion on “Statistical Methods in Testing and Evaluation within the DoD.” In this talk, she will describe how statistical methods have helped to solve the complex challenge of deciding how much testing is enough in defense acquisition programs.

DEPARTMENT: Social Sciences

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Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

1. 25 October: American Politics will host **COL (R) Ike Wilson**, Director of the Army’s Strategic Studies Institute, to guest lecture to SS252 (Advanced American Politics) and conduct a faculty colloquium and information brief on FA59.
2. 28 October: The **Combating Terrorism Center** will host a trip section to New York City for cadets in two of its main courses: SS465: Terrorism - New Challenges and SS466: Combating Terrorism. Each year, the CTC puts together the visit, which historically includes a visit to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum and engagement with the FBI's New York Field Office as well as FDNY, in order to reinforce the historical and current threat of terrorism.
3. 29 October: The Combating Terrorism Center will host **BG Leonard F. Anderson IV** (USMC)--Deputy Commander for Joint Task Force ARES (the U.S. Cyber Command's counterterrorism effort); Deputy Commander for Marine Forces Cyber Command; and the Joint Forces Headquarters Cyber Marines--for a command brief and discussion with the Center's subject matter experts. BG Anderson will seek to identify future opportunities for his command to partner with the CTC.

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1. 9 October: American Politics hosted **Mr. Michael Singh**, the managing director at The Washington Institute and a former senior director for Middle East affairs at the National Security Council, to guest lecture to SS473 (American Foreign Policy) and participate in a timely faculty colloquium on Syria.
2. 7 October. **Mr. Todd Howard**, portfolio manager and member of the international / emerging markets team for MetLife, guest lectured in SS470: Money & Banking. Mr. Howard spoke on a variety of topics in relation to Global Finance, Economics, and Policy, punctuated by real-world anecdotes from his 17 years of experience as a finance professional. He expertly tied in the concepts of SS470 with the backdrop of US-China trade relations, Foreign Exchange markets in Argentina, the importance of policy decisions in valuating investment opportunities in African emerging markets, and boots-on-the-ground effects of Fed Monetary Policy, all in a clear and concise manner to which cadets could relate.
3. 2 October: The **Combating Terrorism Center** was pleased to host a large contingent from the **U.S. Army War College's International Fellows** program as part of their day-long engagement at West Point. The CTC provided the group with a command brief, outlining the priorities and initiatives of the Center, followed by a discussion of evolving challenges in the CT space.

DEPARTMENT: WPWP

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1. Faculty Writing Group sessions will be held Tues, 29 OCT and 12 NOV, from 1200-1350 in JH401. The informal open-door sessions hosted by Dr. Colleen Eils (Acting Director, WPWP) give faculty members a dedicated time and space to work on their writing projects; all are welcome to join the group for as much or as little time as their schedules allow. POC: Dr. Colleen Eils (colleen.eils@westpoint.edu)

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1. On 08-10 OCT, Cadet Writing Fellows led communal writing groups on researching and writing for SOSH at tables in the MWC in support of Mr. Michael Arden (USMALIB), who presented workshops on researching for SOSH on 08 & 09 OCT.